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Application of:	R. Davies, et al.	Group Art Unit:	To be assigned
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Title:	Mixing Chamber		

**First Preliminary Amendment**

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the prosecution of the captioned application, which is a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and claims priority to international application number PCT/GB00/03346 filed September 1, 2000. This application also claims priority to patent application number 9920924.9 filed in Great Britain on September 6, 1999.

**In the Claims**

Please amend page 11, line 1, as follows:

[Claims]What is claimed is:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (once amended) [Apparatus]An apparatus for mixing and maintaining particulates in liquid suspension, the apparatus comprising a reservoir for holding a fluid containing dispersed particles, the reservoir having an open top, side walls, end walls and a base; a substantially horizontally-disposed mixing plate mounted inside the reservoir, the mixing plate having a plurality of vertical holes extending